

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT
OF MISS FAITH CLAYTON TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. APRIL 27, 1949.

I have today sent to the State Senate for confirmation the appointment of Miss Faith Clayton, of Central and Liberty, Pickens County, to the South Carolina Industrial Commission, succeeding Isaac L. Hyatt. The appointment is effective July 17, 1949.

Several State women's organizations have requested that a woman be appointed to the Industrial Commission, in view of the large number of women covered by the terms of the workmen's compensation law. A large percentage of our industrial employees are women, particularly in the textile industry, where I am informed approximately 60% of the workers are women. A number of cases handled by the Industrial Commission require the knowledge and understanding of a woman member.

Miss Clayton is exceedingly well qualified for the position, by reason of her education, experience, intelligence, temperament, and energy.

Her appointment is endorsed by hundreds of textile operatives and other working people by the county officers of Pickens County, by the mayor and council of Liberty, and has the unanimous approval of the Pickens County Legislative Delegation in the General Assembly.

Miss Clayton, who is a native of Central, is the daughter of the late Dr. Lawrence Garvin Clayton and the late Mrs. Addie Smith Clayton, members of pioneer families of Pickens and Anderson counties. She is a graduate of the Central elementary school, the preparatory school of Wesleyan College, and holds an A. B. degree from Wesleyan. She has had graduate courses in social science at the Universities of South Carolina and North Carolina,

school administration courses at Asheville Normal College, and labor relations courses at the University of Alabama.

Miss Clayton has been for five years manager of the local office of the South Carolina State Employment Service at Liberty. Prior to becoming manager, she was for six years an interviewer for this office, and in her 11 years experience in the employment field she has had ample opportunity to study the problems of working people, and particularly the physical requirements of jobs and the physical qualifications of employees.

Before entering employment work, Miss Clayton was a school teacher for 13 years in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Mississippi, and her teaching experience included administrative and supervisory work and active work in the P.T.A. and other school organizations. She has also had experience in adult education.

One phase of Miss Clayton's early experience which particularly qualifies her for work on the Industrial Commission was in the assistance she rendered her father, who was a physician serving a rural and textile community. As a practical nurse in his office she gained first-hand knowledge of accidents and injuries to which working people are subject.

Miss Clayton's active association with organized labor has included her membership in Local No. 838, American Federation of Labor, Greenville, South Carolina.

She is at present a local school trustee in her home district, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Presbyterian Church.

In view of Miss Clayton's outstanding public service record and her many special qualifications, I feel that South Carolina will be fortunate in having her as a member of the Industrial Commission.